

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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LEXINGTON FURNITURE INDUSTRIES,
INC.,

Plaintiffs,

19-cv-6239 (PKC)

-against-

ORDER

THE LEXINGTON COMPANY,

Defendant.

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CASTEL, U.S.D.J.:

I can hardly wait to see you all next week and get the latest update on your discovery squabbles. The battle of the two Lexingtons has been quite entertaining so far, though I admit to some difficulty in differentiating the two:

One Lexington accuses the other of “seeking to avoid its discovery obligations because of a technicality” (something I’m sure the accusing Lexington would never do);

One Lexington accuses the other of having “taken an extremely aggressive view of discovery and is attempting to expedite discovery as quickly as possible” (ever hear of someone trying to expedite discovery as slowly as possible);

One Lexington claims to have produced 5 times as many documents as the other one;

One Lexington accuses the other of “attempting to unilaterally excuse itself” (haven’t seen many bilateral attempts to excuse oneself);

One Lexington accuses the other of neglecting to quote the text of the discovery request in its letter to the Court;

One Lexington accuses the other of not being at an impasse (although it sure sounds that way by the tone of the dueling letters);

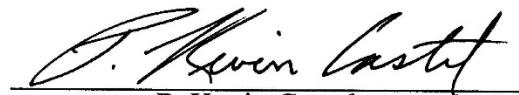
One Lexington accuses the other of serving contention interrogatories prematurely;

One Lexington accuses the other of serving interrogatories that “improperly exceeds the sphere of interrogatories under Local Rule 33.3” (never knew that interrogatories had spheres);

Is this why you entered the profession? Is this the stuff that you want to brag about someday to your children and grandchildren? Is this what you want federal judges to do with their time? Is this conduct in the spirit of Rule 1, Fed. R. Civ. P.?

Come to your senses, negotiate and come to Court with a proposed resolution. Failing that there will be rulings on the record on February 24, 2020 at 2 p.m. in Courtroom 11D.

SO ORDERED.



P. Kevin Castel
United States District Judge

Dated: New York, New York
February 20, 2020